



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*  
Russ Guiney, Director

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February 3, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION: APPROVAL OF  
AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO CONTRACT NUMBER 76386  
TO ADD FOUR ACRES OF TURF AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT SUM  
AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PARKS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approve an amendment to the existing Antelope Valley Area Parks Mowing Services Contract to include mowing services of four acres of newly developed turf within Acton Park.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that Mowing Services Contract Number 76386, as amended, remains cost-effective, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121.
2. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign Amendment Number one to the Antelope Valley Area Mowing Services Contract Number 76386, with Rich Meier's Landscaping, Inc. This Amendment will expand the scope of work by adding four acres of newly developed turf at Acton Park for \$3,440 annually, and will increase the Contract amount from \$52,890 to \$56,330 annually, for mowing services, upon Board approval.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On November 6, 2007, your Board approved a mowing services contract to provide mowing services to the Antelope Valley Area Parks. Due to the recent development of four acres of turf at Acton Park, there is a need to amend the existing mowing contract to provide additional mowing services which will increase the contract sum.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed Amendment with Rich Meier's Landscaping, Inc., (Rich Meier's) will further the Los Angeles County's (County) Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) through the provision of quality mowing services at a savings over County costs. It will also further Strategic Plan Goal of Community Services (Goal 6), by providing a new facility that will be available for a wide range of services in response to specific community needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The increased cost for providing mowing services for the four additional acres of turf at Acton Park is \$3,440 per year, increasing the total contract sum for the Antelope Valley Area Parks from \$52,890 to \$56,330 annually.

**Operating Budget Impact**

Based on the recommended actions, the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will experience an annual increase of \$3,440 in ongoing operational costs for contracted grounds maintenance service. This increase will be absorbed in the Department's FY 2008-09 operating base budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On June 16, 2007, the Department released a solicitation for mowing services for the Antelope Valley Area Parks. On November 6, 2007, your Board approved a contract with Rich Meier's to provide mowing services for the Antelope Valley Area Parks, which included Apollo Community Regional Park, George Lane Park, Jackie Robinson Park, Everett Martin Park, Pearblossom Park, Steven Sorensen Park, and Acton Park.

As provided by the contract, your Board may authorize compensation to increase the contractor's level of mowing services for additional facilities. The increase in the contract sum exceeds the Department's delegated authority to amend the contract. The effective date of the increased service is upon your Board's approval.

The Department has reviewed the amended contract cost in accordance with a methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, and has determined that the Proposition A contract remains cost-effective at the increased amount, in accordance with the requirements of Los Angeles County Code Chapter 1.121.

Additionally, Amendment Number one incorporates contract language implemented by your Board, subsequent to the approval of the contract on November 6, 2007.

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County Counsel has approved the attached Amendment as to form and Rich Meier's has executed the Amendment.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On November 6, 2007, your Board found the original Contract exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

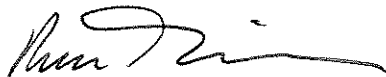
#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of the recommended action will ensure the continued provision of mowing services at Antelope Valley Area Parks and the four additional acres of turf at Acton Park, provided by Rich Meier's. The impact on current services will be to increase the additional mowing services, while maintaining the current service levels. There will be no employee impact to existing staff.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is requested that an adopted copy of the action taken by your Board and a fully executed copy of the attached amendment be mailed to: Mr. Richard Meier, Rich Meier's Landscaping, Inc., 41636-50th Street West, Quartz Hill, California 93536. It is also requested that four adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: County Counsel